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In re Patent Application of:

Eugene S. SMOTKIN

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FUEL CELLS (as amended)

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to a final Office Action herein, mailed 31 January 2005, time for response to which was set to expire 30 April 2005. A petition for an extension of time of two (2) months until 30 June 2005 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. The considered claims, claims 75-82 and 84-91, were rejected.

Applicant appreciates the thoughtful consideration given to him and his undersigned representative in a interview on 24 May 2005. Applicant appreciates the helpful discussion and has prepared the following amendment in consideration of both the written grounds for rejection and the discussion at the interview.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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